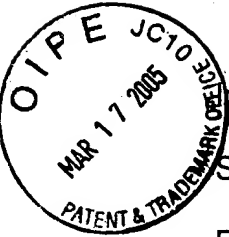


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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, Paper Number 11122004. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to March 17, 2005. The appropriate petition fee of \$60.00 is enclosed herewith. Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto:

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